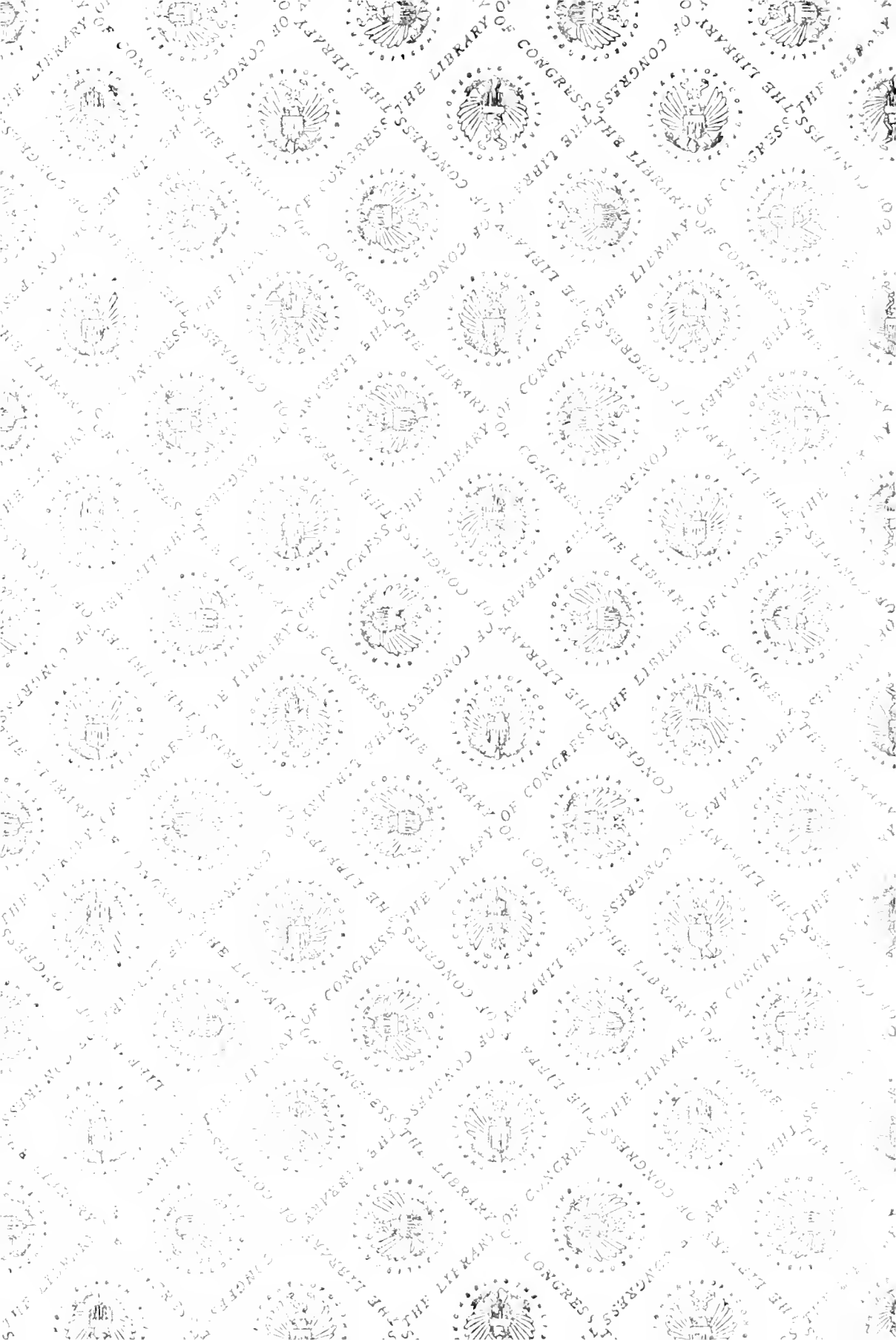


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SINCE OUR ORGANIZATION FIVE GENTLEMEN HAVE DIED, VIZ:

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JUDGE McKINSTRY DIED AFTER THE PRINTING OF THE REGISTER FOR 1902, BUT THE NEXT REGISTER WILL CONTAIN A TESTIMONIAL TO HIS WORTH AND EMINENT ABILITIES AS A JURIST.

IN SEPTEMBER LAST, THE SOCIETY WAS HONORED BY A

VISIT FROM MR. HOWLAND PELL, OF NEW YORK, VICE GOVERNOR-GENERAL. DURING HIS SOJOURN IN LOS ANGELES THE SOCIETY ENTERTAINED HIM WITH A RECEPTION AND DINNER, AND EXTENDED TO HIM THE COURTESIES OF THE OFFICERS AND RESIDENT MEMBERS.

THE LIMITED REVENUES OF THE SOCIETY HAVE PREVENTED THE COUNCIL FROM ISSUING ANY PRINTED MATTER OF THE CHARACTER WHICH WE RECEIVE FROM THE EASTERN SOCIETIES, AS NEARLY ALL OUR INCOME IS USED FOR THE NECESSARY CURRENT EXPENSES.

FOUR YEARS AGO THE COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION FAVORING THE PUBLICATION OF A HISTORY OF THIS SOCIETY, CONTAINING BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES AND PORTRAITS OF ITS MEMBERS, AND OTHER MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST. HAD THE SOCIETY CONTINUED TO INCREASE AS RAPIDLY AS DURING THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE, THE AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR MEMBERSHIP FEES ALONE WOULD HAVE PAID FOR SUCH A WORK.

IT WILL COST ABOUT \$400 TO PRINT THE VOLUME UPON THE PLAN SUGGESTED, AND SHOULD IT BE DESIRED BY MEMBERS, IT WILL BE DONE. THE EXPENSES, HOWEVER, MUST BE MET BY VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND IF, IN RESPONSE TO THIS STATEMENT, THE AGGREGATE OF THE AMOUNTS PROMISED BY MEMBERS SHALL REACH SAID SUM, THE WORK WILL BE PROSECUTED TO A SPEEDY COMPLETION.

AT THE EIGHTH GENERAL COURT, CONVENED DECEMBER 24, 1902, IT WAS DECIDED TO INCORPORATE THE SOCIETY, AND THE MATTER WAS PLACED IN CHARGE OF THE CHANCELLOR.

Howland Pell Collins.

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JANUARY 10, 1903.



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